ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A distributed storage network of computers is disclosed in which a determination as to whether to store a data item at a computer connected to said network is made in dependence on a policy document associated with that data item. The policy document is constructed in accordance with a Document Type Definition expressed in extensible Markup Language (XML). This provides a more flexible method of system managed storage than has hitherto been achieved.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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